

and all Ohioans. The importance of passenger rail and freight rail cannot be overstated, and I was always happy to work with Jolene on projects that helped Toledo and all of northern Ohio. We bonded over our passion for our shared Polish-American heritage, our commitment to working families, and our deep desire to get projects accomplished that made a difference in the lives of Ohioans.

One fond memory of Jolene comes to mind, in particular. It was cold and we were working to renovate Toledo's Amtrak station, and to do so required we had to take down a mammoth old dairy building. It was huge. So I called Jolene and I asked her if she'd ever taken down a building? And of course, her answer was no.

Well, Jolene came to Toledo, rolled up her sleeves, and helped to demolish that building with a giant crane and wrecking ball so we could get the job done. It was an unforgettable experience and something I remember, to this day. If you want someone in your corner to help roll up their sleeves and get the job done, Jolene Molitoris is the woman to call.

Jolene also went on to shatter many glass ceilings over her storied career. In 1993, President Clinton nominated her to serve as Federal Railroad Administrator, and she became the first woman ever to head that agency. Jolene went on to become the longest serving FRA Administrator in our Nation's history. In 1995, Jolene was recognized by WTS as Woman of the Year, one of many honors and awards bestowed upon her. In 2009, Governor Ted Strickland appointed her as the first woman to lead the Ohio Department of Transportation, and she went on to chair the Ohio Rail Development Commission.

While rail in Ohio is top of mind for so many in our region and across the nation, after derailments in recent months, it is important to know that there are great minds like Jolene that have long been committed to improving rail safety for America's communities. I want to congratulate Jolene on this special recognition, and I'm honored to be able to share my memories with Jolene during this International Women's History Month of our time working together to move America forward.

Warmest congratulations to Jolene. Job well done.

HONORING JACKIE FLOYD

HON. MORGAN MCGARVEY

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jackie Floyd as part of Women's History Month.

As a civil rights activist and icon, Jackie Floyd has been a lifelong advocate for the Russell neighborhood and its community members. She has inspired generations of Louisvillians to get engaged and come together to work toward a common goal. Jackie is a steadfast champion of equality and I thank her for her tremendous dedication to Louisville.

RECOGNIZING PAT LAWSON MUSE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Pat Lawson Muse on the occasion of her retirement after 40 remarkable years with NBC4-TV in Washington, D.C. Pat is an Emmy award-winning anchor who, together with Barbara Harrison, made broadcast history in the mid-1980s when they formed the first all-female local TV news anchor team in the Nation. The people of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. are now celebrating Pat's 40 years of excellence in broadcast journalism and service to the entire Washington region. As an anchor and general assignment reporter Pat has been a fixture on local television news, covering and reporting many of the most significant local and national stories of our time.

For decades Pat has also been a familiar face on Sunday mornings hosting NBC4's community affairs programs, including Reporter's Notebook, Viewpoint and News4 Your Sunday, exploring many of the most important issues affecting people in our region, such as finances, health, education, public safety, faith and the environment. In addition, since 1984 Pat has been the leading force in NBC4's Food 4 Families campaign which has fed tens of thousands of families, veterans, senior citizens, and others in need during the Thanksgiving period.

Muse, whose broadcast career began in radio, has been inducted into the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle.

We salute Pat not only for representing the local TV broadcasting profession with such excellence but for serving the many diverse communities in and around the state of Maryland with such great integrity, dignity, and uncompromising commitment to the common good of our people.

HONORING CAPTAIN JILL JAMES

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Captain Jill James as she retires from the United States Navy after 34 years of extraordinary service.

Hailing from Sausalito in Marin County, Jill commissioned as an ensign in April 1989 after graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. She was a direct commission to the active-duty Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, and following her completion of Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island, she reported to Naval Legal Service Office, Treasure Island, in San Francisco, California, to begin her career.

After serving at Treasure Island, Jill was reassigned to Naples, Italy, where she worked on a mobile trial team for two years, traveling to various commands in an area of responsibility stretching from Scotland to Bahrain. Her final active-duty assignment brought her back to San Francisco, as the Head Defense Coun-

sel at Naval Legal Service Office, West. Once she transitioned to the Navy Reserve, Jill went on to serve as Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Pearl Harbor; Commanding Officer, Region Legal Service Office Japan; and Staff Judge Advocate, Navy Region Northwest, Reserve Component Command. Jill was recalled to active duty in September 2019 for twelve months to deploy overseas. Post-deployment, Jill was assigned to Region Legal Service Office Western Pacific.

Jill's public service is not limited to her work in the Navy. Jill has served on the Sausalito City Council since 2014, and performed duties as Vice Mayor in 2015 and Mayor in 2016 and 2021. She has served as the City's School District Liaison and as the alternate to the Marin Telecommunications Agency. Jill has also represented the City on the Marin Bay Waterfront Adaptation Vulnerability Evaluation (BayWAVE) and as the alternate delegate to the Association of Bay Area Government.

Jill has cultivated an extensive civilian career alongside her reserve service. After transitioning from active duty, she worked in civil litigation, managing trial teams in the San Francisco Superior Court and nearby jurisdictions as a lead counsel. She later specialized in wine and vineyard law, and went on to co-found an ecommerce company, Qorkz Wine, that facilitates wine sales from limited production wineries directly to consumers.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Jill James exemplifies what it means to be a community-minded public servant. Her dedicated service both on the Sausalito City Council and in the United States Navy has left a positive impact locally in Marin County and on Navy operations worldwide. Therefore, please join us in congratulating her for decades of inspiring work and in wishing her a fulfilling military retirement.

RECOGNIZING JAMES T. ROONEY, RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS SWINGLE AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 17, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor James T. Rooney who has been awarded the W. Francis Swingle Award by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He will be recognized at the group's annual gathering on Friday, March 17, 2023.

James is the son of the late James A. Rooney and Margaret Mary Hennigan Rooney and a lifelong resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School with the Class of 1976, and he continued his academic career at Luzerne County Community College, studying fire science. He also completed coursework at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy in Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

James first followed his passion for firefighting by joining the Niagara Engine Co. No. 2 as a volunteer firefighter in July 1976. He rose through the ranks to be named secretary then captain of the company. In December 1980, he was hired as a part-time fire truck driver, then hired as a full-time fighter and apparatus operator in April 1985. In 1992, James